



## Certificated Surveyors in Timber and Dampness in Buildings (CSTDB)

### Recommended Reading List

The following list of documents will be useful to those studying the Certificated Surveyor in Timber and Dampness in Buildings exam (CSTDB) syllabus. New documents are continually being issued by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and other government departments and associations, so this list is a guide and may not be comprehensive.

#### Suggested Technical Documents:

- British Standards: BS 6576:2005 - Code of practice for diagnosis of rising damp in walls of buildings and installation of chemical damp-proof courses
- Building Research Establishment (BRE) BRE453 - Recognising wood rot and insect damage in buildings (3rd edition) (A F Bravery, R W Berry, J K Carey and D E Cooper)
- BRE Digest 443/1 - Termites and UK buildings: Biology, detection and diagnosis
- BRE245 (2007) - Rising Damp in Walls – Diagnosis & Treatment.
- BRE307 - Identifying Damage by Wood Boring Insects
- BRE299 - Dry Rot: Its Recognition and Control
- BRE345 – Wet rots: Recognition and Control
- BRE466 -Understanding dampness - effects, causes, diagnosis and remedies

#### Other Codes of Practice and Standards

- HSE - Managing Health and Safety in Construction: Approved Code of Practice: CDM 2007
- HSE - In-situ Timber Treatment Using Timber Preservatives: Health, Safety and Environmental Precautions

#### Additional Documents

##### Property Care Association – Technical Documents

The following documents are given as hand-outs at the Surveyors Training Course.

*(PCA members can access the documents through the members' section of the PCA website.)*

- PCA Leaflets on dampness:
  - The use of Moisture Metres to establish the Presence of Rising Damp
  - Plastering in Association with the institution of a Remedial Damp Proof Course
  - Recognition and Causes of Condensation
  - Chemical Damp Proof course insertion – the Attendant problems
  - Safety in Damp Proofing – The Employer's Responsibilities for Safety

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- Chemical Damp Proof Courses in Walls – Detection techniques and their limitations
- Damp Proofing Barriers Tanking - in Association with Chemical Damp Proofing Courses
- Guidelines to Survey Report Writing
- Hygroscopic salts and Rising Dampness
- PCA Leaflets on Timber Remedial Treatments:
  - Fungal Decay in Buildings
  - Wood Destroying Insects in Buildings
- PCA Code of Practice for the Investigation and Control of Wood Destroying Insects and Fungi in Buildings (2016)
- PCA Code of Practice for the Investigation and Control of Dampness in Buildings (2017)

**Useful websites:**

- Property Care Association (PCA) [www.property-care.org](http://www.property-care.org)
- Building Research Establishment (BRE) [www.bre.co.uk](http://www.bre.co.uk) / [www.brebookshop.com](http://www.brebookshop.com)
- British Standards Institute (BSI) [www.bsi-global.com](http://www.bsi-global.com)
- Health and Safety Executive (HSE) <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

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